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STATISTICS OF AGRICULTURE

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

WHEAT:

The four major export countries estimated that on or about February 1, 1959, they held some 2,447.8 million bushels of wheat for export and carry-over exceeding by 22 per cent the 2,006,5 million bushels available a year ago. Supplies by countries, including on-farm stocks, in millions of bushels (1958 figures bracketed) were: United States, 1,489.8 (1,051.4); Canada 677.5 (778.2); Argentine 141.5 (124.6); and Australia 139.0 (52.3).

Exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat from the chief exporting countries during the period August 1958 through January 1959 were 439.0 million bushels 3.2 per cent above the 425.3 million bushels exported in the same period a year ago. Exports by countries in millions of bushels (1957-58 figures in brackets) were: United States 218.1 (196.1); Canada 142.7 (149.3); Argentine 44.9 (40.2); and Australia 33.3 (39.7).

LIVESTOCK:

Canadian exports of live stock to the United States for the period January 1 to March 21 were (1957 bracketed) slaughter cattle 4,515 (22,285); feeder cattle, 31,474 (80,705); dairy and purebred cattle, 6701 (8,885); calves 230 (432); hogs 561 (156); and sheep and lambs 3,127 (12,383).

Exports of dressed beef to all countries in pounds were: beef 3,854,000 (14,767,000); pork 13,265,000 (11,726,000); and mutton and lamb 68,000 (38,000).

There was no live stock imported into Canada last week. Up to March 21 imports were cattle, 3,700 and sheep and lambs 804.

DAIRYING:

In the month of February 1959 butterfat receipts at Alberta creameries totalled 1,425,000 pounds, an increase of 3.6 per cent over the 1,376,000 pounds received in February 1958. In the first two months of the year, deliveries increased 3.4 per cent as compared to a year ago.

POULTRY:

The average number of laying hens in Alberta for February 1959, was estimated at 3,130,000 compared with 3,792,000 for February 1958, a decrease of 17.5 per cent. For the month, production was 13.9 eggs per bird compared with 14.0 a year ago. Total net production for the month in 1958 decreased from 4,366,000 dozen in 1958 to 3,595,000 dozen in 1959.

FARM DELIVERIES AND INCOME FROM GRAIN IN ALBERTA

BASED ON COUNTRY ELEVATOR RECEIPTS AND PRIVATE ELEVATOR AND PLATFORM LOADINGS

	WHEAT		OATS		BARLEY		RYE		FLAX SEED	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
Deliveries and Loadings:					- thousands of bushels -					
Month of February	6,738	7,592	597	873	3,153	5,464	83	97	115	292
January - February	17,361	15,636	1,730	1,286	6,660	9,523	234	137	503	688
Estimated Returns per Bushel for Grain Delivered in February					- dollars per bushel -					
	1.08	1.13	0.46	0.47	0.70	0.71	0.75	0.82	2.70	2.68
Estimated Total Cash Returns:					- thousands of dollars -					
Month of February	7,272	8,579	2.75	4.10	2,207	3,879	62	80	310	783
January - February	18,750	17,709	796	604	4,662	6,955	171	112	1,414	1,841
Canadian Wheat Board Adjustment Payments:										
Month of February	10,829	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January - February	10,829	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts from Grain:										
Month of February	18,104	8,579	275	410	2,207	3,879	62	80	310	783
January - February	29,579	17,709	796	604	4,662	6,955	171	112	1,414	1,841

Total Income from Grain including Wheat Board Adjustment Payments:	1958	1959
Month of February	$ 20,958,000	$ 13,731,000
January - February	$ 36,621,000	$ 27,222,000

Note: Early in March payments on Wheat participation payments on 1957 - 58 deliveries were announced. The amount to be paid Alberta farmers is estimated as $ 9,400,000.

LIVE STOCK PRICES IN ALBERTA

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1959, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1958

	GOOD BUTCHER STEERS		GOOD FEEDER STEERS		GOOD BUTCHER LAMBS		B_1 HOGS dressed (without Bonus)	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
	- dollars per hundred pounds -							
Month of February								
Calgary	19.87	22.55	19.83	23.54	19.86	17.31	25.49	20.69
Edmonton	19.05	22.39	18.62	23.11	21.23	18.24	26.65	20.70
Lethbridge	19.69	22.21	20.25	23.97	19.95	18.13	25.83	20.46
January - February								
Calgary	20.00	23.18	19.23	23.67	19.98	17.49	24.34	20.62
Edmonton	18.88	22.95	18.29	23.27	20.99	18.35	25.30	20.67
Lethbridge	19.52	22.98	19.85	23.83	19.69	18.17	24.59	20.38

PRICE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN: BASIS EDMONTON PRICES

Hog - Barley Ratio*

1933-53	1958	Jan. 1958	Jan. 1959	Feb. 1959
21.5	26.2	26.0	20.0	19.8

* Number of bushels of No. 1 feed barley that are equal in value to 100 lb. of Grade B_1 live hogs at Edmonton prices, plus federal government quality premium.

Live Stock price Relationships*

	1933-53	1958	Jan. 1958	Jan. 1959	Feb. 1959
Good Steers - B_1 Hogs	85.1	106.7	101.3	147.1	139.7
Good Lambs - B_1 Hogs	90.2	101.4	112.4	115.6	113.8
Good Steers - Good Lambs	93.4	105.2	87.5	127.3	122.8

* Prices of 100 lb. good steers (or lambs) expressed as a percentage of the price of 100 lb. B_1 live hogs (federal government premium included) or good lambs.

LIVE STOCK MARKETING IN ALBERTA

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING F E B R U A R Y 28, 1959, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1958

	CATTLE		CALVES		SHEEP AND LAMBS		HOGS	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
				- number of head -				
Receipts of Public Stockyards & Packing Plants:								
Month of February	59,408	45,465	9,561	6,872	17,353	18,662	140,408	180,324
January - February	128,115	97,231	26,293	17,521	36,278	35,152	285,550	373,550
Shipments to Country Points from Yards & Plants:								
Month of February	7,114	6,060	2,161	1,552	639	827	-	-
January - February	15,278	13,398	4,425	4,147	1,142	1,246	-	-
Net Marketings at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants:								
Month of February	52,294	39,405	7,400	5,320	16,714	17,835	140,408	180,324
January - February	112,837	83,833	21,868	13,374	35,136	33,888	285,550	373,550
Slaughterings at Uninspected Establishments:								
Month of February	2,772	2,111	1,265	560	147	330	2,372	4,100
January - February	5,712	4,578	2,429	1,334	315	703	5,315	8,062
Total Net Live Stock Marketings:								
Month of February	55,066	41,516	9,829	5,880	17,029	18,165	142,780	184,424
January - February	118,549	88,411	25,461	14,708	35,619	34,591	290,865	381,612
				- dollars -				
Estimated Value of Live Stock Marketed:								
Month of February	9,350,000	8,527,000	563,000	480,000	346,000	334,000	6,082,000	6,068,000
January - February	19,755,000	18,408,000	1,576,000	1,235,000	712,000	640,000	11,858,000	12,575,000

Estimated Total Income from the Sale of Live Stock:	1958	1959
Month of February	$ 16,341,000	$ 15,409,000
January - February	$ 33,901,000	$ 32,858,000

FARM SALES AND CASH INCOME FROM DAIRY PRODUCTS (JANUARY) AND POULTRY PRODUCTS (FEBRUARY AND JANUARY-FEBRUARY) FOR ALBERTA 1958 and 1959

	FARM SALES		FARM CASH INCOME	
	JANUARY		JANUARY	
	1958	1959	1958	1959
DAIRY PRODUCTS:	- thousands of pounds -		- thousands of dollars -	
Butterfat for Creamery Butter	1,377	1,399	912	926
Dairy Butter	4.8	4.1	2	2
Milk for Cheese Making	1,078	891	28	23
Milk for Concentration, Ice Cream and for Fluid Cream Sales*	10,292	10,372	290	290
Milk for Fluid Sales	24,210	26,147	1,119	1,211
TOTAL VALUE			$ 2,151	$ 2,452

* Ice Cream and Fluid Cream Converted to Fluid Milk Basis.

	FEBRUARY		JANUARY-FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		JANUARY-FEBRUARY	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
POULTRY PRODUCTS*	- dozen -				- dollars -			
Eggs Received at Registered Grading Stations	2,360,000	1,690,000	4,387,000	3,318,000	505,000	445,000	1,018,000	860,000
	- pounds -							
Poultry Marketed through Registered Stations	560,000	772,000	884,000	1,582,000	132,000	153,000	209,000	314,000
TOTAL VALUE EGGS AND POULTRY					$ 637,000	598,000	$ 1,227,000	1,174,000

* Percent of Marketings Sold Through Registered Stations

	1953	1954	1955	1956
Eggs	55.2	44.6	43.8	42.9
Poultry	34.8	35.4	41.9	43.1

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MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ALLIED TO AGRICULTURE

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1959, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1958

		1958 (Jan. - Feb.)	1959 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1958 (February)	1959 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Flour Mills (7 Firms) -	Gross Sales $.	2,304,466	2,689,060	16.7	1,119,826	1,394,700	24.5
	Production - Centals.	1,030,634	914,671	- 11.3	508,992	433,805	- 14.8
	Value $.	4,642,456	4,193,791	- 9.7	2,238,234	2,064,754	- 7.8
Creamery Butter (1) -	Production Lbs.	3,317,681	3,396,427	2.4	1,639,271	1,690,797	3.1
	Value $.	2,073,550	2,156,620	4.0	1,024,544	1,086,337	6.0
Factory Cheese (1) -	Production Lbs.	192,516	166,300	- 13.6	95,845	86,630	- 9.6
	Value $.	68,336	59,037	- 13.6	34,018	30,754	- 9.6
Dairy Factories -	Gross Sales $.	6,010,881	6,105,182	1.6	2,861,762	2,903,814	1.5
Packing Plants -	Gross Sales $.	26,952,173	27,838,165	3.3	13,791,447	14,376,140	4.2
	Production, Meat-Lbs.	71,151,872	71,592,959	.6	35,100,574	37,334,554	6.4
	Value $.	20,640,476	20,529,229	- .5	10,528,328	10,602,647	.7
	- Exports Meat-Lbs.	41,158,855	34,400,688	- 16.4	19,126,883	17,721,866	- 7.3
	Value $.	11,916,120	9,866,533	- 17.2	5,736,152	5,033,010	- 12.3
Margarine Sales -	Lbs.	1,793,987	1,511,872	- 15.7	970,632	795,292	- 18.1
	Value $.	516,640	417,637	- 19.2	281,799	221,158	- 21.5

(1) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING F E B R U A R Y 28, 1959, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1958

			1958 (Jan. - Feb.)	1959 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1958 (February)	1959 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Coal (1)	Production	Tons.	548,861	626,260	14.1	265,810	272,041	2.3
		Value $.	2,691,080	3,096,443	15.1	1,274,578	1,316,498	3.3
Salt	Production	Tons.	8,541	9,914	16.1	3,796	4,710	24.1
Petroleum Products Refined - Gross Sales		$.	20,206,378	20,679,383	2.3	10,076,360	10,637,540	5.6
Propane	Production	Barrels.	180,508	270,657	49.9	83,659	131,712	57.4
	Sales	Barrels.	186,081	266,965	43.5	87,321	120,779	38.3
Butane	Production	Barrels.	113,159	190,238	68.1	52,574	95,228	81.1
	Sales	Barrels.	117,275	192,758	64.4	53,288	94,397	77.1
Sulphur	Production	Tons.	21,926	27,409	25.0	9,847	13,873	40.9
	Sales	Tons.	11,009	10,714	- 2.7	5,831	5,478	- 6.1
Clay Products	Gross Sales	$.	155,829	229,880	47.5	74,689	122,755	64.4
Cement Products	Gross Sales	$.	522,978	852,957	63.1	220,868	517,078	134.1
Cement	Production	Barrels.	95,250	128,626	35.0	42,964	56,888	32.4
		Value $.	238,125	321,565	35.0	107,410	142,220	32.4
Lime	Gross Sales	$.	124,889	128,380	2.8	64,605	58,690	- 9.2
	Production	Tons.	4,884	4,578	- 6.3	2,476	1,918	- 22.5
		Value $.	70,353	66,325	- 5.7	35,849	26,896	- 25.0

(1) Source: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

ONE MONTH PERIOD ENDING J A N U A R Y 31, 1959, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1958, WITH TWELVE MONTH FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS

		1 9 5 7 (Jan. - Dec.)	1 9 5 8 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1 9 5 8 (January)	1 9 5 8 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Petroleum - Crude (1)	Production-Barrels.	137,502,847	113,440,492	- 17.5	10,828,979	12,519,302	15.6
	Value of Sales $.	357,627,980	284,368,075	- 20.5	27,816,976	30,996,701	11.4
Natural Gas (1)	Production - M.C.F.	244,224,735	294,412,923	20.6	26,546,441	36,258,359	36.6
Natural Gasoline & Naphtha (1)	Production-Barrels.	968,162	978,085	1.0	89,374	130,472	46.0
	Value of Sales $.	2,738,085	2,887,201	5.4	245,617	363,421	48.0
Petroleum - Crude	Imports - Barrels.	1,403,861	1,129,763	- 19.5	75,329	71,801	- 4.7
	Exports - Barrels.	120,330,194	89,992,510	- 25.2	8,176,337	10,287,122	25.8
Petroleum Products Refined (2)	Production-Barrels.	23,952,146	22,861,469	- 4.6	2,101,635	2,192,154*	4.3
	Imports - Barrels.	280,033	518,436	85.1	36,850	48,646	32.0
	Exports - Barrels.	5,587,190	5,723,172	2.4	447,474	530,754	18.6

(1) Source: Oil and Gas Conservation Board.
(2) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

(*) Composed of 1,230,717 bbls. gasoline; 556,549 bbls. diesel fuel; 4,116 bbls. kerosene; 400,772 bbls. other fuel and miscellaneous products.

GENERAL STATISTICS - ALBERTA, LATEST MONTHS AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN PREVIOUS YEARS

		1957 (Jan. - Dec.)	1958 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1958 (January)	1959 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Bank Debits (1)	Value $.	13,810,325,000	13,438,592,000	- 2.7	1,078,755,000	1,168,928,000	8.4
New Motor Vehicles - Gross Sales (2)	No.	44,187	41,146	- 6.9	2,812	3,169	12.7
	Value $.	133,074,000	127,760,000	- 4.0	8,631,000	9,776,000	13.3
		1958 (Jan. - Feb.)	1959 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1958 (February)	1959 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Forestry (Crown Lands) - Production Lumber-Ft.b.m.		146,400,000	180,000,000	23.0	76,400,000	95,000,000	24.3
	Value $.	8,800,000	10,400,000	18.2	4,600,000	5,500,000	19.6
Total Value of Lumber & Other Forestry Products $.		10,600,000	12,400,000	17.0	4,700,000	5,600,000	19.1
Fur (Wild Life)	No. of Pelts.	448,518	400,525	- 10.7	237,264	209,497	- 11.7
	Value $.	320,743	314,704	- 1.9	181,355	162,683	- 10.3
Life Insurance Sales	$.	50,694,000	49,900,000	- 1.6	26,125,000	27,602,000	5.7
Electricity - Net Generated (3)	K.W.Hrs.	448,416,000	550,191,000	22.7	218,141,000	258,423,000	18.5
		1958 (Jan. - March)	1959 (Jan. - March)	3 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1958 (March)	1959 (March)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Bank Clearings	Calgary $.	1,234,983,500	1,356,873,627	9.9	408,127,623	460,532,823	12.8
	Edmonton $.	522,307,957	531,421,898	1.7	176,402,554	183,380,944	4.0
	Lethbridge $.	55,734,379	56,429,120	1.2	17,981,829	19,882,301	10.6
	Medicine Hat $.	22,575,114	25,805,678	14.3	7,463,350	8,799,936	17.9
	Red Deer $.	21,741,941	25,452,303	17.1	7,435,633	9,035,477	21.5
	Grande Prairie $.	9,196,433	9,581,974	4.2	3,046,391	3,250,251	6.7
	T O T A L ..... $.	1,866,539,324	2,005,564,600	7.4	620,457,380	684,881,732	10.4

(1) Source: Cheques cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 36, No. 1, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(2) Source: New motor Vehicles Sales and Motor Vehicles Financing, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: Electric Power Statistics, Vol. 27, No. 2, 1959, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

CONSTRUCTION - ALBERTA

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1959, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1958

		1958 (Jan. - Feb.)	1959 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1958 (February)	1959 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
BUILDING PERMITS:							
CALGARY	Value $.	4,816,687	12,910,491	168.0	2,763,860	8,912,527	222.5
EDMONTON	Value $.	6,271,900	7,942,058	26.6	3,828,173	3,998,271	4.4
LETHBRIDGE	Value $.	405,669	680,820	67.8	291,824	374,410	28.3
MEDICINE HAT	Value $.	398,750	165,650	- 58.5	84,700	47,100	- 44.4
RED DEER	Value $.	33,925	410,385	1109.7	20,150	149,285	640.9
DRUMHELLER	Value $.	22,000	500	- 97.7	20,000	500	- 97.5
WETASKIWIN	Value $.	28,500	74,700	162.1	2,250	10,500	366.7
CAMROSE	Value $.	2,000	21,000	950.0	1,000	1,000	-
GRANDE PRAIRIE	Value $.	74,000	6,800	- 90.8	11,000	5,000	- 54.5
LLOYDMINSTER	Value $.	34,910	10,325	- 70.4	27,910	8.900	- 68.1
TOTAL (10 CITIES) ....PERMITS.....	NUMBER	1,403	1,589	13.3	686	800	16.6
	VALUE $.	12,088,341	22,222,729	83.8	7,050,867	13,507,493	91.6
TOTAL (164 MUNICIPALITIES)	VALUE $.	3,843,505	3,546,642	- 7.7	737,610	1,209,155	63.9
CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA: (1)							
RESIDENTIAL	Number	392	933	138.0	247	581	135.2
	Value $.	4,798,400	10,406,000	116.9	2,490,000	6,387,000	156.5
BUSINESS	Number	71	85	19.7	49	43	- 12.2
	Value $.	7,744,100	14,501,400	87.3	5,783,300	3,901,700	- 32.5
INDUSTRIAL	Number	10	7	- 30.0	3	4	33.3
	Value $.	561,500	3,149,500	460.9	108,000	3,054,500	2728.2
ENGINEERING	Number	25	32	28.0	12	20	66.7
	Value $.	19,068,800	10,622,800	- 44.3	849,200	8,007,700	843.0
TOTAL	NUMBER	498	1,057	112.2	311	648	108.4
	VALUE $.	32,172,800	38,679,700	20.2	9,230,500	21,350,900	131.3

(1) Source: Building Reporter Section, MacLean Building Guide, March, 1959, Published by Hugh C. MacLean Publications.
(Based on information collected by MacLean Building Reports)

VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES - ALBERTA

MARCH AND THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 1959, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1958

	1958 (Jan. - March)	1959 (Jan. - March)	3 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1958 (March)	1959 (March)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	No.	No.	%	No.	No.	%
Banff	76,142	110,407	45.0	26,775	43,343	84.3
Elk Island	3,000	6,300	110.0	900	2,250	150.0
Jasper	26,176	19,219	-26.6	12,955	6,962	-46.3
TOTAL	105,318	135,926	29.1	40,630	58,555	44.1

(1) AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1959, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1958

	1958 (Jan. - Feb.)	1959 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1958 (February)	1959 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	No.	No.	%	No.	No.	%
Aden	44	20	- 54.5	21	17	- 19.0
Carway	644	709	10.1	300	352	17.3
Coutts	3,088	2,725	- 11.8	1,446	1,312	- 9.3
Del Bonita	436	234	- 46.3	246	106	- 56.9
Wild Horse	87	46	- 47.1	28	18	- 35.7
TOTAL	4,299	3,734	- 13.1	2,041	1,805	- 11.6

(1) Source: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

WHOLESALE TRADE - TRENDS - ALBERTA

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1959, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1958

	1958 (Jan. - Feb.)	1959 (Jan.-Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1958 (February)	1959 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BY TYPES:	$	$	%	$	$	%
Automotive Accessories, Equipment & Supplies ..	15,990,246	24,788,993	55.0	8,047,125	11,625,898	44.5
Boots and Shoes	556,753	605,242	8.7	285,853	318,424	11.4
Drugs	2,211,078	2,411,379	9.1	1,045,154	1,205,573	15.3
Dry Goods	1,773,687	1,860,825	4.9	966,919	1,058,529	9.5
Electrical Appliances and Radios	8,412,572	9,271,071	10.2	3,807,710	4,228,080	11.0
Florists	132,405	156,235	18.0	69,012	85,466	23.8
Furniture	576,073	648,278	12.5	276,542	296,466	7.2
Groceries (Including Fruits and Vegetables) ...	30,339,069	31,461,078	3.7	14,895,993	15,841,638	6.3
Hardware	9,265,740	9,240,187	- .3	4,331,953	4,755,865	9.8
Jewellery and Silverware	91,402	82,007	- 10.3	48,898	45,167	- 7.6
Lumber and Building Supplies	7,759,322	8,431,546	8.7	3,790,769	4,505,753	18.9
Machinery, Agricultural	3,648,663	5,981,224	63.9	2,272,864	3,106,156	36.7
Machinery, Other	1,879,643	2,434,069	29.5	985,916	1,251,952	27.0
Paints and Varnishes	1,457,202	1,320,461	- 9.4	684,178	718,830	5.1
Paper	1,775,606	1,840,862	3.7	973,938	991,398	1.8
Tobacco	3,387,342	3,457,616	2.1	1,630,022	1,730,640	6.2
Oilfield Supplies	2,908,390	3,207,538	10.3	1,570,744	1,706,655	8.7
Carbonated Beverages	2,161,383	2,099,251	- 2.9	1,288,609	1,307,701	1.5
Miscellaneous	9,481,112	9,602,478	1.3	4,415,972	4,643,470	5.2
TOTAL	103,807,688	118,900,340	14.5	51,388,171	59,423,661	15.6
LOCATIONS:						
Calgary	20,815,248	22,538,323	8.3	9,832,726	11,357,622	15.5
Edmonton	24,015,885	25,799,544	7.4	12,132,734	13,472,521	11.0
Lethbridge	3,061,797	3,505,650	14.5	1,793,129	1,830,336	2.1
Medicine Hat	243,453	307,042	26.1	117,612	135,811	15.5
Red Deer	649,555	689,984	6.2	302,971	362,728	19.7
Smaller Centres	764,990	857,592	12.1	373,577	428,241	14.6
Major Cities - Not distributable by location ..	54,256,760	65,202,205	20.2	26,835,422	31,836,402	18.6
TOTAL	103,807,688	118,900,340	14.5	51,388,171	59,423,661	15.6

The above figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of actual volume of business.

RETAIL TRADE - ALBERTA

ONE MONTH PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 1959, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1958, WITH TWELVE MONTH FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS

	1957 (Jan. - Dec.)	1958 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1958 (January)	1959 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
TOTAL - RETAIL TRADE	1,211,019,000*	1,247,703,000	3.0	88,902,000	91,403,000	2.8
Grocery and Combination Stores	184,581,000	199,155,000	7.9	14,668,000	16,091,000	9.7
Other Food and Beverage Stores	62,665,000	66,661,000	6.4	4,479,000	4,730,000	5.6
General Stores	57,083,000	60,423,000	5.9	4,230,000	4,526,000	7.0
Department Stores	137,999,000	152,086,000	10.2	10,314,000	11,810,000	14.5
Variety Stores	15,726,000	16,398,000	4.3	905,000	926,000	2.3
Motor Vehicle Dealers	246,772,000	225,522,000	- 8.6	17,439,000	17,055,000	- 2.2
Garage and Filling Stations	75,364,000	75,924,000	.7	5,712,000	6,043,000	5.8
Men's Clothing Stores	22,491,000	22,431,000	- .3	1,912,000	2,075,000	8.5
Family Clothing Stores	14,841,000	15,610,000	5.2	1,048,000	1,170,000	11.6
Women's Clothing Stores	22,533,000	21,749,000	- 3.5	1,681,000	1,530,000	- 9.0
Shoe Stores	7,863,000	8,273,000	5.2	594,000	630,000	6.1
Hardware Stores	40,567,000	43,740,000	7.8	2,666,000	2,599,000	- 2.5
Lumber and Building Materials Dealers	53,719,000	55,031,000	2.4	3,324,000	3,178,000	- 4.4
Furniture, Appliances, Radio Stores	44,629,000	47,616,000	6.7	4,143,000	3,973,000	- 4.1
Restaurant	42,906,000	43,908,000	2.3	3,506,000	3,380,000	- 3.6
Fuel Dealers	880,000	899,000	2.2	76,000	91,000	19.7
Drug Stores	28,308,000	29,475,000	4.1	2,304,000	2,454,000	6.5
Jewellery Stores	7,436,000	7,806,000	5.0	475,000	498,000	4.8
Miscellaneous	144,655,000	154,996,000	7.1	9,426,000	8,644,000	- 8.3

* Revised

Source: Retail Trade, Vol. 31, No. 1, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

LABOUR REVIEW

PRAIRIE REGION

In the Prairie region the seasonal employment decline appeared to have ended in February. The first rise in the estimat. of total employment since July, amounting to 14,000, brought the February 21 total to 975,000. This figure was 43,000 higher than a year earlier. The expansion in farm employment, which was a month earlier than in the two previous years, was much larger than the urban increase.

Farmers were hiring men to overhaul machinery and to clean seed in preparation for spring planting, and some married couples were being taken on earlier in anticipation of possible difficulties in obtaining suitable help later.

Crude oil production for the month was higher than last year and well-drilling activity was at about the same level. The number of geophysical crews at mid-month was down 20 per cent from the same time in 1958.

Higher volume of output in meat packing, farm machinery, textiles and clothing added strength to manufacturing employment. The year earlier level reached in January was exceeded in February, although some weakness was evident in paper milling. Construction employment also strengthened from January, when it exceeded the level of the year before by 8.5 per cent.

In general, the employment increase in the month took place on farms and in the larger cities. A continuation of the seasonal decline was still evident in the small towns and in some agricultural centres which were not yet affected by the pickup in agriculture.

CALGARY (metropolitan) remained in the moderate surplus group. Employment at mid-winter this year was well above last year's low level, mainly as a result of a greater volume of construction and a year-to-year improvement in manufacturing. Although January housing starts were down 19 per cent from the same month last year, the carry-over from previous months kept the number of units under construction at the beginning of February 41 per cent higher than las' year. Structural steel and other building supply industries were busy. Clothing manufacturers were at full capacity.

EDMONTON (metropolitan) remained in the substantial surplus group. A labour dispute involving plumbers and steamfitters was settled. Construction was sustained by the 49 per cent more houses under construction at the beginning of February than a year earlier. This, along with improvement in manufacturing, kept the number of male workers registered at the local office of the National Employment Service down 14 per cent from February of last year. Because of a larger registration of female workers, the total decline amounted to 9.5 per cent.

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 59, No. 3, March, 1959)

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc., are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, and any other bonuses made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situation at the 1st of January, 1959, with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

EMPLOYMENT AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, ALBERTA*, BY INDUSTRIES

At JANUARY 1, 1959, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1958

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Pay Period Preceding		Pay Period Preceding		Pay Period Preceding
	Jan. 1 1958	Jan. 1 1959	Jan. 1 1958	Jan. 1 1959	Jan. 1 1959
			$	$	
Mining	143.2	132.5	92.60	98.99	20,243
Coal	31.9	25.9	54.77	75.26	2,090
Oil	299,6	285.1	98.09	101.73	16,838
Manufacturing	147.2	150.8	70.15	74.28	30,414
Foods and Beverages	122.7	121.5	66.56	70.00	8,927
Meat Products	133.0	133.1	70.15	74.22	4,208
Wood Products	102.4	113.7	51.16	52.55	3,073
Printing, Publishing and allied Industries	129.7	135.7	66.92	70.88	1,482
Iron and Steel Products	175.1	195.0	71.42	76.07	3,287
Transportation Equipment	150.9	139.8	70.13	73.98	4,072
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	128.7	145.0	63.00	71.02	2,314
Products of Petroleum and Coal	190.3	192.3	100.79	105.36	1,948
Construction	142.5	150.8	67.68	71.26	17,061
Buildings and Structures (k)	157.3	164.2	67.84	72.49	10,545
Highways, Bridges and Streets	123.7	133.2	67.43	69.29	6,516
Transportation, Storage Communication	120.7	117.5	75.02	77.78	24,551
Steam Railways	91.1	82.9	72.55	76.71	11,127
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	170.7	170.0	79.81	80.05	4,349
Storage	114.4	114.1	61.94	63.07	2,603
Trade	170.8	176.8	58.07	59.53	36,036
Wholesale	156.2	155.0	67.88	70.43	11,112
Retail	178.7	188.7	53.46	54.67	24,924
Service	146.9	157.8	45.67	46.96	9,341
Hotels and Restaurants	127.4	136.3	42.16	43.20	5,484
Industrial Composite	146.6	148.2	69.24	72.16	150,779

* Including Northwest Territories.

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.

(k) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.

(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

Source: Employment and Payrolls, January, 1959
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES (Continued)

Employment and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON, By Industries

At JANUARY 1, 1959. As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1958

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Pay Period Preceding		Pay Period Preceding		Pay Period Preceding
	Jan. 1 1958	Jan. 1 1959	Jan. 1 1958 $	Jan. 1 1959 $	Jan. 1 1959
CALGARY:					
Manufacturing	130.1	135.9	72.02	76.65	9,950
Foods and Beverages	125.0	123.5	71.63	75.28	3,075
Transportation Equipment	134.7	125.8	70.84	75.80	2,300
Construction	162.5	203.5	68.92	71.43	4,270
Wholesale Trade	137.0	134.4	68.27	71.21	4,430
Retail Trade	177.6	188.3	56.36	55.11	9,434
Industrial Composite	157.0	162.3	66.01	67.03	39,739
EDMONTON:					
Manufacturing	168.7	169.3	69.89	74.20	12,847
Foods and Beverages	127.9	126.6	67.32	70.66	3,868
Meat Products	132.2	129.3	67.68	71.89	2,626
Construction	159.1	143.3	67.61	70.92	5,676
Wholesale Trade	183.0	184.1	66.57	68.71	4,806
Retail Trade	188.0	189.4	52.22	56.27	10,810
Industrial Composite	176.5	175.2	62.91	66.27	44,973

Source: Employment and Payrolls, January, 1959
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNINGS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

At J A N U A R Y 1, 1959, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1958

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Pay Period Preceding		Pay Period Preceding		Pay Period Preceding		
	Jan. 1 1958	Jan. 1 1959	Jan. 1 1958	Jan. 1 1959	Jan. 1 1958	Jan. 1 1959	Jan. 1 1959
			¢	¢	$	$	
Coal Mining	26.7	36.1	194.3	203.4	51.88	73.43	1,730
Oil and Natural Gas Production	42.2	41.3	215.9	221.8	91.11	91.60	6,082
Manufacturing	37.5	38.5	175.5	180.9	65.81	69.65	20,372
Foods and Beverages	36.3	35.9	168.2	178.3	61.06	64.01	6,013
Meat Products	35.5	34.4	181.0	193.3	64.26	66.50	2,992
Transportation Equipment	39.3	40.4	175.3	176.5	68.89	71.31	3,185
Building and Structures (h)	32.4	32.0	188.2	199.8	60.98	63.94	7,393
Electric and Motor Transportation (i)	40.4	38.9	177.2	182.8	71.59	71.11	2,167
Service (j)	38.0	38.4	102.5	105.6	38.95	40.55	5,296

Source: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, January, 1959
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

(h) Buildings and structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; services incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; launderies; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.